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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MCGEE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - YOUR TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (S/S NO. 7712452)

1. ISSUES FOR DECISION

-- THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO INFORM THE OTHER OAS AMBAS-SADORS THAT YOU WILL GO TO GRENADA.

-- WHETHER TO VISIT BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD RATHER THAN TRINIDAD AND JAMAICA ON YOUR WAY TO AND FROM GRENADA.

2. BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

NOW THAT THE SITE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE OASGA, I AM UNDER
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INCREASING PRESSURE TO SAY WHETHER YOU WILL ATTEND. MOST OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE DELAYING THEIR TRAVEL PLANS TO SEE IF YOU WILL BE GOING. OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE VITALLY INTERESTED AND ARE PRESSING THEIR AMBASSADORS HERE FOR AN ANSWER. IT WOULD HELP ASSURE WIDE ATTENDANCE BY FOREIGN MINISTERS IF WE CAN DISCLOSE AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND PROVIDE TENTATIVE DATES.

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JUNE 15-17 ARE THE BEST DAYS TO BE IN GRENADA, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE.

EARLIER, YOU AGREED TO STOP IN KINGSTON EN ROUTE TO THE OASGA AND IN PORT-OF-SPAIN ON YOUR WAY HOME. A VISIT TO KINGSTON NO LONGER SEEMS TO BE EITHER DESIRABLE OR POSSIBLE. NEITHER PRIME MINISTER MANLEY NOR FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON WILL BE IN KINGSTON DURING THE TIME WHEN YOU COULD VISIT. ADDITIONALLY, IN VIEW OF MRS. CARTER'S PLANNED VISIT TO JAMAICA AT THE END OF MAY, IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL FOR YOU TO VISIT JAMAICA AT ANOTHER TIME.

I NOW RECOMMEND THAT YOU VISIT PORT-OF-SPAIN (24 HOURS) ON YOUR WAY TO GRENADA AND SPEND FOUR TO FIVE HOURS IN BARBADOS ON THE WAY HOME.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO INFORM THE OTHER OAS AMBAS-SADORS OF YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND THE GRENADA GA ON JUNE 15-17.

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(2) THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ARA TO BEGIN MAKING PRELIMINARY TRAVEL PLANS FOR YOU TO STOP IN PORT-OF-SPAIN ON THE WAY TO GRENADA AND BRIDGETOWN ON THE WAY BACK.

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